

Modest Lady's GARLAND

IN THREE PARTS.

PART I. How a Lady near St. James's was courted by a young Knight, the Lady finding him to be extravagant, and to keep Company with a Harlot, she forsook her Parents for some Time to get rid of him.

PART II. The Lady's Policy and Modesty in her Progress.

PART III. The Lady's good Fortune to have a kind and loving Husband, which she gained by her Modesty, and pleasing to all her Friends: Concluding with her barbarous Sweetheart's Treachery, and her loving Husband's Honour.



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The Modest Lady's GARLAND, &c.

Tune of, Philander and Diana.



Come all ye young Lovers be pleas'd to draw near,
A comical Ditty you quickly shall hear,
This Comedy which I present to your View,
Indced it's reported to be very true,

It's of a young Lady, it's known very well,
Not far from St James's, it's said she did dwell,
This Lady was courted by a wealthy Knight,
Who seem'd to admire her Beauty so bright.

This Knight had no less then five Thousand a Year
He told her his Love was true and sincere,
This Suit which he made did not long prove in vain,
The Love of this Lady he soon did obtain.

Her Parents were willing that they should be join'd,
All Things for the Wedding in Haste were design'd;
But now mark good People I'll show you with Speed
What put a great Bulk to this Wedding indeed.

This Knight to Extravagancy was inclined,
And kept Company with a Harlot we find,
He oft Times went to her his Humour to please,
And soon got a Touch of the *Frenchman's Disease*,

At length by good Fortune this Lady did hear,
Which caus'd her to weep, and shed many a Tear,

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She cry'd tho' I lov'd him, his Ways, I defy,
And therefore I never will have him, not I.

At Home with my Parents no longer I'll stay,
I am fully resolv'd to wander away,
To shake of my Sorrows away I will go,
But where I am going no Body shall know.

At present I soon to my Parents will go,
O how could this Villain pretend to do so,
I find that his Actions are wicked and base,
He might have brought me to shame and Disgrace.

But now since I know, it is Time to be free,
Altho' it does cause some Vexation to me,
Indeed at this Time I small Comfort can find,
So I'll take a Journey to settle my Mind.

P A R T II.

IN the Second Part I to you shall declare,
The comical Progress of this Lady fair,
She had a rich Uncle, as I did hear tell,
That did in the Town of fair *Feverham* dwell.

To travel and see him it was her Intent,
A Trunk of rich Garments before her she sent,
A little before she her Journey began,
This Lady disguised herself like a Man.

Now this was a comical Way to be sure,
That she had contriv'd to be chaste and secure,
She dressed herself in Man's Cloaths I declare,
And then for her Journey she straight did prepare,

This Lady disguised' her Parents did leave,
And when she was missing, her Parents did grieve,
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But soon to her Father a Letter she sent,
Which gave him Abundance of Joy and Content,

She would have no Coach nor Horse for to ride,
Nor yet any Servant to walk by her Side ;
But fully resolved to travel alone,
In this Sort of Drels that she might not be known,

One Night at an Inn she did happen to lie,
And being in some Gentlemen's Company :
With them she discoursed to such a Degree,
That some learned Student they took her to be.

When they had been merry some Time I profess,
Being something tir'd she went to her Rest,
And little they thought 'twas a fair Lady bright
Because she was drest like a Man in their Sight.

A Gentleman chanc'd for to be out late,
He rode to this Inn and appeared very great,
And asked for Lodging, the Inn-keeper said,
My House is so full I have not a spare Bed.

Two Men lie in every Bed except one,
And there a young Gentleman lies all alone ;
If you will be willing for to lye,
I don't at all question but I will comply.

The Gentleman said hee to make shift,
For to help a Stranger in a dead List,
I hope the young Gentleman will not deny,
Then straight the Inn-keeper up Stairs then did hie.

The Truth of this Matter he straight did unclose,
Which caus'd her to colour and bluth like a Rose,
Since that he is destitute, tell him from me,
To welcome a Stranger I always am free.

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With that the Inn-keeper came down with the News,
To tell him the Gentleman did not refuse,
Up went this young Gentleman with a Delign,
To have with the other a Bottle of Wine.

When they to each other had drunk a full Glass;
Some Sort of Discourse between did pass,
With her pleasant Talk he was pleas'd very well,
Because that for Learning few could her excel.

He said, Sir, excuse me, I must tell you true,
I never saw a Man, Sir, so handsome as you;
And was you a Woman, if ever so poor,
Your pretty sweet Face I could dearly adore.

The World is but meer Fancy we find,
Therefore I as well may conceit in my Mind.
For Bed he prepar'd, when this Joke he had pass'd,
But now the whole Comedy comes at last.

She said, Sir: don't think that I do you degrade,
Because a firm secret Oath I have receiv'd;
To grant my Desire, I hope you'll agree,
That one of the Sheets now may part you and me.

He said, Sir, by Reason of your secret Oath,
That shall cause no Anger betwixt us both,
Upon the top Sheet this young Gentleman lay,
And never thought she was a fair Lady gay.

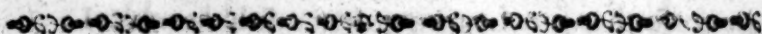
It happen'd three Nights they together did lye,
The fourth Day she bid her Bedfellow good by,
And then for her Journey away she did steer,
Rejoicing that she had escaped so clear.

She came to her Uncle, the Truth to unfold,
He knew her not in this Disguise, till she told,

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The Fancy, which caus'd him to smile at the Jest,
And made her right welcome with the very best.

At last to her Parents in Splendor she went,
Who then was receiv'd with Joy and Content,
Good People now give your Attention a while,
Here is something else that will make you to smile.



P A R T III.

O Bserve now good People how Things were decreed
The Esquire that was her Bedfellow indeed,
Did come to her Father a Visit to pay,
And soon fell in Love with this Lady so gay.

With pleasant Discourses and Compliments too,
This beautifl Lady sometime he did woo,
In hope that she would be his sweet loving Bride,
Not thinking that once he had lain by her Side.

The Esquire he asked her Parents Consent,
Who freely agreed, and were all content,
And as in Mirth they were drinking one Day,
A comical Fancy she pass'd by the Way.

She said to her Servant, fill out a full Glass,
A comical Joke here I mean for to pass;
Here is a good Health now with all my whole Heart
To those two that lay when the Sheet did them part

This said, he did colour like Scarlet in grain,
Dear Madam, your Meaning I cannot explain,
This touches me Home I do vow and protest,
For once on a Time I was serv'd such a Jest.

With modest sweet Blushes, the Lady reply'd,
You come now to make me your amorous Bride:

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Excuse me, it was I that lay with you it's true,
And now I must be a Bedfellow for you.

Dear Madam excuse me, the Esquire he said,
Your ravishing Beauty my Heart has betray'd,
I crave your Pardon, if it was any Crime,
For I'll use you better at some other Time.

The Lady said, truly you did not enquire,
What I was, although you my Face did admire;
Therefore your Behaviour I love and respect,
Kind, Sir, in the least you ought not to be check'd.

That Day the young 'Squire he gained her Love,
She said, truly I adore you above,
All Men that I ever beheld with my Eyes,
But take not amiss, Sir, my foolish Disguise.

Dear Madam, you acted a sweet modest Part,
And therefore I love you with all my whole Heart;
I hope that we never shall be parted till Death,
I prize you above all the Women on Earth.

If there be one modest, I'm sure you are she,
To welcome a Stranger, you seem to be free,
You acted the Part of a Christian indeed,
For we to be joined I hope will proceed.

Her dear loving Parents sat silent a while,
To hear their Discourses did cause them to smile;
At last her dear Father said, as I have Life,
Here take my dear Daughter for thy loving Wife,

Ten thousand Pound, Portion with her I will give,
My Son I will ever adore while I live,
Since you to my Daughter so honest did prove,
You shall be united together in Love.

Then in few Days after these Couple were join'd
And there were great hearing and Joy as we find;

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But now I intend for to shew you once more,
Concerning this Villian that woo'd her before,

He hir'd two Russians the 'Squire to kill,
And gave them ten Guineas his Blood for to spill
He said, you may murder him in such a Grove;
Besure that you kill him for stealing my Love.

Said they, we will do it, Sir, you need not fear,
Soon after he challeng'd the 'Squire we hear,
The Challenge was meet me To-morrow with Speed,
To fight or I'll poll you a Coward indeed.

The Knight and the Russians unto the Grove came
Soon after appear'd the 'Squire of Fame;
And saw their Intent in this Manner said he,
Sure I was not challenged for to fight three.

It seems these two Russians they both had their Pay,
Said they, we will see now a little fair Play,
Fall to it yourselves if the 'Squire is bold,
He soon shall be murder'd, which you shall behold.

When they fell to fighting, the Russians both run;
And soon the young 'Squire the Victory won;
Oh! pardon me, and save my Life says the Knight,
And a thousand Pound I will give you outright

He pardon'd him straight, and the Money was paid
But seeing the Knight had so cowardly play'd,
By all that ever knew it he was a meer Game,
The 'Squire came off with great Honour and Fame.

Now when he came home to his Lady fair,
The Truth of the Matter he straight did declare;
Both she and her Parents were pleas'd we find,
And now they together live loving and kind.